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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
Silver Spring, Md. 20910

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Mr. Zou Jingmeng
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State Meteorological Administration
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Dear Mr. Zou:

The Protocol on Cooperation in the Field of Atmospheric Science and Technology between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Department of Commerce of the United States of America and the State Meteorological Administration of the People's Republic of China was signed on May 8, 1979 and renewed for a period of 5 years effective May 8, 1984.

In view of the mutual benefits of cooperation, and in accordance with paragraph A of Article 11 of the Protocol, NOAA proposes that the Protocol be extended for another five years, that is until May 8, 1994.

NOAA does not expect any commercially significant intellectual property to be generated as a result of activities associated with this protocol. Should intellectual property with commercial potential be generated during the cooperative activities under this protocol, NOAA proposes that the disposition of patents, copyrights, and other intellectual property arising from cooperative activities conducted pursuant to this protocol shall be governed by the provisions of the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Science and Technology of January 31, 1979 as extended, or such other applicable agreement which amends and/or extends that agreement or supersedes it, the governing agreement will be that which is in force at the time that an intellectual property is created.



NOAA expects that no information or equipment requiring protection in the interests of national defense or foreign relations of either government and classified in accordance with the applicable national laws and regulations shall be provided or generated under this protocol. Should any information or equipment which is known or suspected to require such protection be identified in the course of projects undertaken pursuant to this protocol, NOAA proposes that it be brought to the attention of the appropriate government officials. NOAA expects that any other security concerns shall be addressed and governed by provisions of the agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Cooperation in Science and Technology that is currently under negotiation.

NOAA further proposes that on the U.S. side, the National Science Foundation and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration continue to participate, in the same manner as NOAA, in the activities under the Protocol, as renewed and extended.

If the State Meteorological Administration concurs with these proposals, this letter and your letter in reply to that effect will constitute an agreement to renew the Protocol for another five years which shall enter into force on the date of your reply.

Sincerely,



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for Weather Services